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SUBJECT: BAHAMAS: ATLANTA CONSUL GENERAL NAMED

¶1. (U) The GCOB announced May 25 that Senator Katherine Smith, was appointed the new Consul General of The Bahamas Consulate General in Atlanta, Georgia from June 1 for a three-year term. She currently serves as Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister in Freeport, Grand Bahama. She will resign from the Senate, the upper chamber of The Bahamas' parliament, and her current post effective May 31.

¶2. (U) Ms. Sandra Carey, a career diplomat, will serve as Consul. Ms. Carey has previously served in the Consulate General of The Bahamas in New York and in Miami, Florida and at the Bahamas Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

¶3. (U) The Atlanta Consulate General will cover the following states: Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

¶4. (U) According to a press release from the Cabinet Office, the Atlanta Consulate General was opened "in response to the growing demand for services by Bahamians resident in the greater Atlanta area and by businesses in the southeastern United States with interests in expanding trade and investment in The Bahamas."

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